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SUBJ: TURKISH EARTHQUAKE-AMERICAN CONSUL'S REPORT
FROM FIELD-SITREP #6

1. RALPH JONES, AMERICAN CONSUL, ADANA, AFTER VISITING
DISASTER AREA SEPTEMBER 11-12 REPORTED HIS OBSERVATIONS
BY TELEPHONE FROM AREA BEFORE RETURNING TO POST.

2. JONES COMMENTS, IN SUMMARY, ARE AS FOLLOWS: THE
DEVASTATION IN THE VICINITY OF LICE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
EXAGGERATE. THE BUILDINGS ON THE HILLSIDES WERE REDUCED
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TO RUBBLE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT WERE COVERED BY LANDSLIDE.

EVEN IN THE LOWER PART OF THE CITY, WHERE THERE ARE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND OTHER MODERN CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDINGS, MOST ARE CRACKED AND APPEAR TO BE STRUCTURALLY WEAKENED BEYOND REPAIR. IT SEEMS THAT THE WHOLE TOWN WILL HAVE TO BE REBUILT. THE GOVERNOR OF THE REGION GAVE THE FOLLOWING DATA. THE DEATH COUNT FOR THE REGION IS 2,308. THEY ARE STILL UNCOVERING BODIES BUT AT A MUCH SLOWER RATE. THE INJURED TOTAL 3,372. AS YOU TOUR THE AREA, EVERY- WHERE THERE IS THE SMELL OF DECAYING CORPSES, HUMAN AND LIVESTOCK. THEY ESTIMATE 6,500 HOUSES WERE DESTROYED THROUGH- OUT THE AREA. THERE IS NOW SUFFICIENT FOOD WITHIN THE AREA BUT THE PROBLEM IS OBVIOUSLY OF FEEDING PEOPLE. THE GOVERNOR TOLD US, AND PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE CONFIRMED IT, THAT FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE NO RPT NO PROBLEM IN THE AREA. THEY HAVE ENOUGH OF BOTH. HOWEVER, BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STRESSED AN URGENT NEED FOR TENTS. THEY HAVE 4,000 TENTS NOW IN THE AREA, BUT THEY NEED 5,000 MORE. THE TENTS SHOULD BE FAMILY-SIZED.

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